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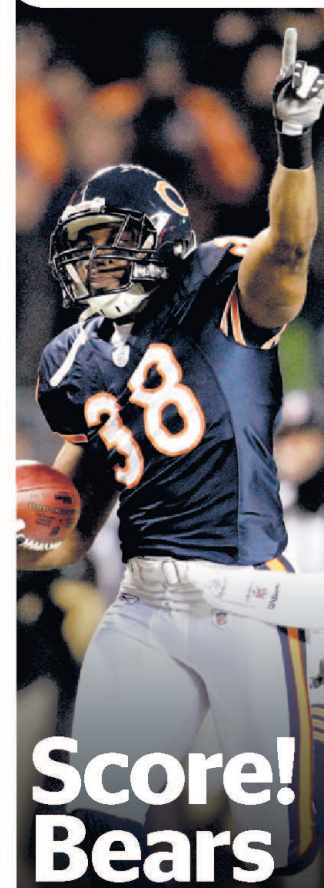
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To shop

If you don't have time during the day to get holiday shopping done, all Chicago-area Toys "R" Us stores will be open for 65 consecutive hours from 7 a.m. Friday to midnight Sunday.

To give

Drop off a new, unwrapped toy for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago from 5 to 9 a.m. Friday at WGN-TV (2501 W. Bradley Pl.) and you can catch carolers, a visit from Santa and a performance by the Plain White T's.

To support

Wear pink and see high school rivals Evanston and New Trier play basketball Friday to raise money for Susan G. Komen for the Cure at 6 p.m. (girls) and 7:30 p.m. (boys) at Welsh-Ryan Arena, Northwestern University. Tickets: \$10, \$5 for children and students.

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THURSDAY'S WINNER:

"Thank you very much, Mr. Robotto!" —VERONICA PRINCE



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TODAY'S FORECAST

It's freezing, so let's call this a partly sunny day.



SAT.

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Cloudy and breezy



SUN.

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Late storm?



MON.

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So ... cold!



TUE.

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More clouds

WHAT'S THE DEAL?

Ice is nice

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Orange County Sheriff's Dept. Detective Sgt. John Allen points crime scene technicians toward the area where skeletal remains of a small child were found Thursday, less than a half-mile from the Orlando home of missing 3-year-old Caylee Anthony.

AP PHOTO

REMAINS FOUND

Associated Press

ORLANDO The skeletal remains of a small child were found Thursday in woods less than a half-mile from the Orlando home of missing 3-year-old girl Caylee Anthony, but officials could not immediately say whether they belonged to the toddler.

A utility worker found the body in the outlying middle-class suburb about 9:30 a.m., said Orange County Sheriff's spokesman Jim Solomons. There was nothing that immediately indicated the remains belonged to Caylee Anthony, he said.

Caylee's mother, 22-year-old Casey Anthony, insists that she left the girl with a

baby-sitter in June, but she didn't report her missing until July. Anthony has been charged with first-degree murder in connection with her daughter's death.

Orange County Sheriff's spokesman Angelo Nieves said officials told Caylee's grandparents about the find, but refused to discuss whether the remains were Caylee's.

"It would be premature to speculate," Nieves said. "We don't want to compromise the investigation."

Authorities say they are seeking a search warrant for the Orlando home of Caylee's grandparents.

The FBI and forensic investigators were

working at the scene, which sits on the edge of the Anthonys' neighborhood about 10 miles southeast of downtown Orlando. The medical examiner left with the remains about 3 p.m.

For the past several months, Anthony's family, police and volunteers from around the country have searched for the little girl.

The child's grandmother first called authorities in July to say she hadn't seen Caylee for a month and her daughter's car smelled like death.

Police immediately interviewed Anthony and said that everything she told them about her daughter's whereabouts was false. The baby-sitter was nonexistent and the apartment where Anthony said she had last seen Caylee had been empty for months. Anthony also lied about where she worked.

As the case unfolded, troubling details emerged. Photos of Anthony partying after her daughter went missing surfaced. Friends said she was a habitual liar, but they also said that she was a good mother.

Messages left with Caylee Anthony's grandparents and with Casey Anthony's lawyer were not immediately returned.

From bad to worse: Jobless claims skyrocket

Associated Press

WASHINGTON New claims for jobless benefits rose more than expected last week, exceeding even gloomy expectations for an economy stuck in a recession that seems to be deepening.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that initial applications for jobless benefits in the week ending Dec. 6 rose to a seasonally adjusted 573,000 from an upwardly revised figure of 515,000 in the previous week. That was far more than the 525,000 claims Wall Street economists expected.

More layoffs were announced Thursday. New Britain, Conn.-based tool maker Stanley Works said it plans to cut 2,000 jobs and close three manufacturing facilities, while Sara Lee, known for food brands such as Jimmy Dean and Hillshire Farm, said it will cut 700 jobs as the Downers Grove, Ill.-based company outsources parts of its business.

New jobless claims last week reached their highest level since November 1982, though the labor force has grown by about half since then.

BIG BUMMER

In another sign of the grim holiday season, KB Toys filed for bankruptcy protection for the second time in four years on Thursday, joining fellow retailers Linens 'n Things and Steve & Barry's in seeking Chapter 11 protection amid the recession.

9 lines

A somewhat catty take on this week's news

1 That's our state's stand

Kudos to Illinois for electing another governor who got arrested. Lawmakers are considering a state mascot change to the Hamburglar.

2 Two-step

The path most of our governors have taken to get to Springfield traditionally involved working in local politics and then state politics. Now it goes: 1) "Prison Break" and 2) "Oz."

3 Yes! Do it!

Some commentators are comparing Gov. Blagojevich's plight to that of former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer. Not exactly accurate. Spitzer would've been much more excited about being in handcuffs.

4 Flashback

Whether Blagojevich is proven guilty or innocent, it's no stretch to say Illinois politics is a rat's nest. A rat hostel, even. Hell: our off-campus apartment in college.

5 Market value

Despite all the bad news about the economy, retailers are trying to stay upbeat. They've got some [bleeping] valuable things, after all, and uh, uh, they're just not giving them up for [bleeping] nothing.

6 Baby boom

Both Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie were nominated for Golden Globes on Thursday. Observers are a little nervous, actually. By official estimates, if they both win, the ensuing celebration could double the U.S. population.

7 And three reinventions

Elsewhere, Britney Spears has the top-selling album in America. Clearly this is her most triumphant comeback since two comebacks ago.

8 It's his life

And Bon Jovi put together the most successful music tour of the year, according to billboard.com, playing to more than 2 million fans. To his credit, Jon Bon Jovi is looking just as bright and shiny as the leather pants he was wearing back in 1987.

9 What smells?

In Germany, "gammelfleischparty" has been chosen as "the youth word of the year." It means "spoiled meat party," or, in local parlance, "early Saturday morning on Rush and Division." **REDEYE**

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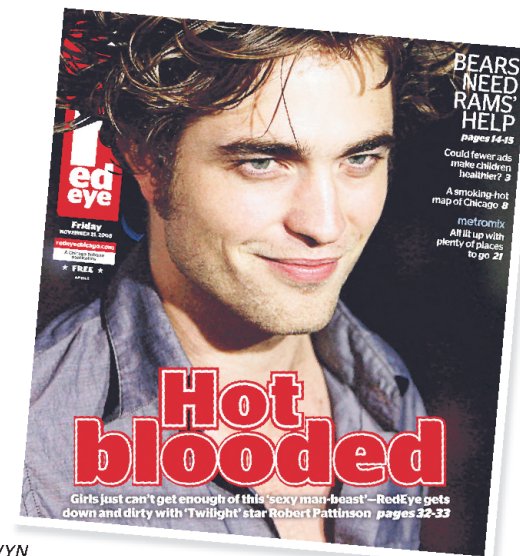
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Solution to racism comes from heart

Is America any closer to ending racism (Kyra Kyles column, "Confronting racism in three small steps," Nov. 21)?

I believe that America has tried to pass laws that would promote tolerance of those that are not of our own persuasion, in the areas of job hiring, real estate and other fields. However, in my opinion, regardless the number of laws that are passed to help in the promotion of tolerance of one another, tolerance does not take the place of love. There is no law or legislation in the world that can make us love one another the way that we should. That has to come strictly from the heart.

—LINDA CHATMAN, 54, BERWYN



Quarter-pounded

There are people who are barely making above the minimum wage, and our mayor is going to ask these people to pay \$6.50 an hour to park their car while they work to make just over \$6.50 an hour at work ("Hungry, hungry meters," Dec. 3 cover story)?

I think it's ridiculous. It is becoming nearly impossible to survive in this city, especially for people like myself who are living less than comfortably.

—ANNETTE LUGO, 27, PILSEN

Dogfighting battle

An encouraging article ("Reward program targets dogfighting," Dec. 4) reported that local and state law enforcement are supporting a \$5,000 reward program for individuals who provide information on inhumane criminals who can be arrested for dogfighting. The same culprits who torture and kill canines and felines also have a propensity to commit violent crimes against innocent people. These criminals are a menace to society.

—BRIEN COMERFORD, 48, GLENVIEW

SOUNDING OFF

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No. 1? No way

Chicago is No. 1 ("We're No. 1," Dec. 8)? I would laugh if this assumption were not so grotesque!

Sure, we have good parks, architecture and food, but what good is all this when affordable housing is only in the crummiest of neighborhoods? When we have the highest taxes of the country but we still receive cuts from city, county and state levels? When children cannot go to school or even walk down the street for fear of being shot for no reason? And what about CTA? We are going to suffer more fare hikes in the coming year, yet there will still be unreasonable delays, and bus bunching will not cease.

—DEVIN LOVE-ANDREWS, 28, GOLD COAST



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Obama 'appalled' at Blago charges



Obama

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President-elect Obama said Thursday that he was "appalled" at charges that Gov. Blagojevich tried to sell Obama's vacant Senate seat.

Obama also said he never spoke with the governor about the vacancy and that he's ordered an internal review to see if any of his staff did.

"I had no contact with the governor's office," Obama said. "I did not speak to the governor about these issues. That I know for certain.

"What I want to do is to gather all the facts about any staff contacts that ... may have taken place between the transition office and the governor's office. And we'll have those in the next few days, and we'll present them.

"But what I'm absolutely certain about is that our office had no involvement in any deal-making around my Senate seat. That I'm absolutely certain of."

The federal charges against Blagojevich strongly suggested that Obama either never knew about Blagojevich's alleged search for a payoff in exchange for appointing Obama friend Valerie Jarrett to the vacant seat, or that he or his aides rejected them outright.

Blagojevich is even quoted in transcripts cursing Obama for not playing along, something that Obama all but wore as a badge of honor Thursday.

"As is reflected in the U.S. attorney's report, we were not, I think, perceived by the governor's office as amenable to any deal-making," Obama said. "And, you know, I won't quote back some of the things that were said about me. ... This is a family program."

He also said he hadn't been contacted by any federal officials about the investigation.



Gov. Blagojevich prepares to commute to work Thursday despite a chorus of calls for his resignation. GETTY IMAGES

'HE'S WORKING'

Blagojevich in the office for 2nd day since arrest

Associated Press

Gov. Blagojevich went back to work Thursday, giving no hint of plans to heed calls for his immediate resignation.

"He's working," said spokeswoman Kelley Quinn.

Blagojevich showed up for work in an attempt at normalcy for a second day since being arrested Tuesday on charges he put President-elect Obama's Senate seat up for sale.

Illinois Atty. Gen. Lisa Madigan said she's ready to go to the state Supreme Court to have Blagojevich declared unfit to hold office if he doesn't resign soon or get impeached by the legislature.

"I am prepared to take action," Madigan, a longtime Blagojevich foe who is considering a run for the governor's seat in 2010, said on

CNN. She said the best thing would be for Blagojevich to resign.

"The easiest way for us to move on in the state of Illinois is for Governor Blagojevich to do the right thing for the people and to resign," Madigan said. "Now, it doesn't appear that he has any inclination to do that. Maybe things will change today or tomorrow."

"I have the opportunity to go to our Illinois Supreme Court and ask them to declare our governor is unable to serve and put in our lieutenant governor as acting governor," Madigan said.

Madigan said she "won't wait terribly long," but wants a signal from lawmakers if they will move quickly on impeachment proceedings.

Legislative leaders planned a special session Monday to strip Blagojevich of his power to pick a new U.S. senator, putting the decision in the hands of Illinois voters instead. Lawmakers also prepared to discuss the possibility of impeachment.

THE DIGIT

8%

Blagojevich's approval rating just keeps plummeting. A poll taken by Chicago-based Glengariff Group since his arrest Tuesday finds the embattled governor's approval rating has tanked to around 8 percent. That's a fall from an already abysmally low rating of 23 percent in September. And, of the 600 people surveyed by phone Tuesday and Wednesday, 70 percent think he should resign. And 73 percent say they'd support moves to impeach him.

The White House on Thursday said President Bush finds Blagojevich's alleged behavior "astounding."

Meanwhile, Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn said that if he became governor, he may opt to appoint Obama's replacement rather than wait for a special election.

ARE THEY HAVING A LAUGH?

Some less-than-flattering, Blagojevich-inspired T-shirt slogans found on [zazzle.com](http://www.zazzle.com) REDEYE

- » "I gave governor Blagojevich a bribe, and all I got was this lousy [expletive deleted] t-shirt!"
- » "NOT Candidate #5"
- » "Would you buy a used senate seat from this man?"
- » "Illinois: We put the 'goober' in gubernatorial"
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- » "For sale. U.S. Senate seat. Hardly used. \$300,000 obo may consider trade contact IL governor's office"
- » "It's Bleepin' GOLDEN"

CTA bus windows blown out

Two windows were shot out of a CTA bus on the Southwest Side on Wednesday night, a CTA spokeswoman said. About 8:45 p.m., the windows of a southbound No. 94-California bus near 67th Street and California Avenue were shattered when a pellet gun was fired outside the bus, spokeswoman Katelyn Thrall said. No one on the bus was injured, she said.

Man didn't die of cold

Officials said Thursday a man whose frozen body was found under a viaduct did not die of the cold, as they first thought. His death was not related to the weather, officials said, and they are awaiting toxicology results. The body of the unidentified man, apparently homeless and in his 30s, was found about 1:30 p.m. Wednesday under the viaduct in the 800 block of North Peoria Street, police said.

Eye-popping news

No, that's not your imagination playing tricks on you. Garrett's is back on Michigan Avenue—temporarily. Garrett's just opened a "Holiday Express" location at 625 N. Michigan Ave., with its entrance on Ontario Street next to the Coach store, according to the Tribune's blog "The Stew." It will be open 10 a.m.-9 p.m. through Jan. 4 and it's for prepackaged items only. Garrett's still is looking for a new permanent home on Michigan Avenue.

UIC student charged in robbery

A University of Illinois at Chicago student was charged Wednesday night in connection with a shotgun-wielding home invasion in Little Italy earlier this month. Marty Joe Martin, 20, was arrested at a residence hall on the campus and charged with armed home invasion in the Dec. 1 robbery, police said. Martin was with two other men when they broke into the home and stole \$250 from two people, police said.



Twin actors Oliver (rear) and James Phelps, who are best known as the Harry Potter characters George and Fred Weasley, sign autographs Thursday at the Museum of Science and Industry. **NANCY STONE/TRIBUNE**

A museum fit for a wizard

Harry Potter is coming to the Museum of Science and Industry. "Harry Potter: The Exhibition," that is.

The museum announced Thursday morning it will be host to "the global premiere" of the exhibition that will give visitors "the opportunity to see the craftsmanship of the authentic costumes and props from the films displayed in settings inspired by the Hogwarts film sets."

The Chicago showing of the exhibit, which will run from April 30 through Sept. 7, will be its

first stop in a 10-city, around-the-world tour, said David Mosen, president of the museum.

"We beat out 30 other institutions around the world wanting to book the exhibit," Mosen said. "It will appear in only four cities in the United States, and then travel to six venues in Asia and Europe."

Mosen said "Harry Potter: The Exhibition" features some of the most familiar sets from the movies, and will display hundreds of costumes

and props used in the making of the films.

James and Oliver Phelps, who play twins Fred and George Weasley, respectively, in the Harry Potter films were on hand for Thursday's announcement. The brothers were 14 and about to start the British equivalent of high school in Birmingham, England, when their mother heard about a nationwide search for child actors to try out for the many parts in the first movie, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

City: Cab fare increase under consideration

Mayor Daley's administration is weighing whether to increase cab fares next year, a top city official said Thursday.

"It's something we have to continue looking at," said Norma Reyes, commissioner of consumer services. The factors that determine whether a fare increase is warranted are gas prices, cab lease prices and the cost of living, she said.

"Gas prices are currently lower today than they were when they received a fare increase in May of 2005," Reyes said. "In our area, they are about 50 cents or so lower."

But she also noted prices have fluctuated a great deal in recent months and the cost of living has gone up 10.5 percent since the last cab-fare increase. "I will continue to work with the industry and look at it ... and make sure we are addressing the needs of the drivers and the consumers," Reyes said.

Learning pays off

Westcott Elementary School teacher Edwina Allen welcomed the extra cash she received Thursday as part of a federally funded program that rewarded staff at nine Chicago schools for students' academic gains.

But she said her greatest reward was becoming a better teacher for her students.

Allen, an educator for more than 30 years, praised the Teacher Advancement Program after U.S. Education Secretary Margaret Spellings, Chicago schools chief Arne Duncan and Mayor Daley came to the school, 409 W. 80th St., to promote the program's results in its first year.

The five-year program ties bonuses for staff from principals down to janitors at nine elementary schools and one high school to the individual performance of students in the schools. On Thursday, nearly \$340,000 was awarded to more than 420 employees, including Allen. Her school earned nearly \$45,000 to go toward 35 employees. The principal received \$4,500.

Although similar programs are being implemented in 19 states, Chicago Public Schools is among the largest districts involved, Spellings said.



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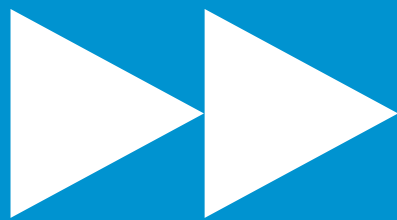


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YouTube the new school?

8 MIAMI When University of Central Florida junior Nicole Nissim got stumped in trigonometry, she checked out what was showing on YouTube.

Nissim typically scours the video-sharing Web site for clips of bands and comedy skits. But this time she wasn't there to procrastinate on her homework.

It turned out YouTube also was full of math videos. After watching a couple, the psychology major says, she finally understood trig equations and how to make graphs.

ARE YOU SURE?

Math videos won't rival the millions of hits garnered by laughing babies, but a YouTube tutorial on calculus integrals has been watched almost 50,000 times in the past year. Others on angular velocity and harmonic motion have gotten more than 10,000 views each.

"I was able to watch them at my own pace and if I didn't get a concept, I could easily rewind it," Nissim says. "It was a lot clearer once I watched the video."

YouTube is perhaps best known for its cavalcade of homemade performances and TV clips, but many people like Nissim are turning to it for free tutoring in math, science and other complicated subjects.

The videos are appealing for several reasons, says Kim Gregson, an Ithaca College professor of new media. Students come to the videos when they're ready to study and fully awake—not always the case for 8 a.m. calculus classes. And they can watch the videos as many times as they need until they understand.



THE BIG EASY (DOES IT)

10 NEW ORLEANS A heavy band of snow coated windshields and grassy areas in New Orleans, where the National Weather Service issued a winter storm warning. Office workers stepped out of high-rises to catch a snowflake, snap pictures with cell-phone cameras and swap snow stories. **AP PHOTO**



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1 Daschle's new role

President-elect Obama has chosen former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle to lead his effort to design an overhaul of the nation's health care system and shepherd it through Congress.

2 'Rethink' North Korea

The Bush administration must now "rethink" its approach toward North Korea after the secretive nation refused to come to terms with the U.S. on verification of its past atomic activities, a White House spokesman said Thursday.

3 Auto bailout stalls

A \$14 billion auto industry bailout bill stalled in the Senate on Thursday, and Republicans demanded upfront concessions from the United Auto Workers as the price for support needed for passage.

4 Hajj ends

Thousands of buses and cars streamed out of the holy city of Mecca on Thursday as nearly 3 million pilgrims ended their hajj pilgrimage—a journey of faith that for many Muslims is a lifelong dream.

5 Deadly bombing

A suicide bomber killed at least 55 people Thursday in a packed restaurant near Kirkuk, Iraq, where Kurdish officials and Arab tribal leaders were trying to reconcile their differences over control of the oil-rich region.

6 Missile strike

Two Pakistani intelligence officials in Dera Ismail Khan say a suspected U.S. missile strike late Thursday has killed six people close to the Afghan border.

7 Climate plan

California air regulators have adopted a sweeping new climate plan demanding that the state's utilities, refineries and large factories transform their operations to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

DIGIT

35,000

Bank of America announced Thursday that it intends to cut this many jobs in the next three years.

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9 MOSCOW OMG!!

How much would you pay for a :-)? A Russian businessman has trademarked the emoticon—or combination of punctuation marks—used to convey a wink in text messages and e-mail.

Oleg Teterin, president of the mobile ad company Superfone, said Thursday he doesn't plan on tracking down individual users following the decision by the federal patent agency.

"I want to highlight that this is only directed at corporations, companies that are trying to make a profit without the permission of the trademark holder," he said in comments to NTV.

Companies will be sent legal warnings if they use the symbol without his permission, he said.

"Legal use will be possible after buying an annual license from us," he was quoted by Kommersant as saying. "It won't cost that much—tens of thousands of dollars."

He also said since other similar emoticons—:-) or ;) or :)—resemble the one he has trademarked, use of those symbols could also fall under his ownership.



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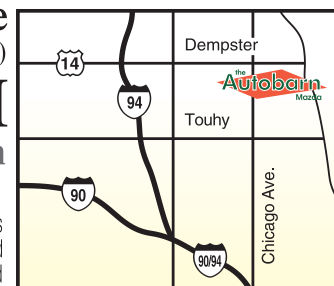
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Danieal Manning returns the opening kickoff 83 yards for a touchdown Thursday against New Orleans. CHARLES CHERNEY/TRIBUNE

BEARS 27, SAINTS 24 OT

Whizzer's [Bleepin'] Golden Globes

If something called the Hollywood Foreign Press Association can get a lot of attention for handing out awards called Golden Globes to entertainers, I can get a lot of attention for handing out awards to athletes. Here now, the winners of Whizzer's [Bleepin'] Golden Globes.



FIRST QUARTER

» Best animated feature:

Danieal Manning was so in the clear on his game-opening kickoff return for a touchdown he punched the air in triumph right around midfield.

» **Worst foreshadowing:** The last time the Bears returned the opening kick for a touchdown was in Super Bowl XLI. That was also the last time I smiled.

» **Scariest scene:** Matt Forte leaving the game with a right foot injury after the Bears' first offensive play from scrimmage. Cedric Benson also left Super Bowl XLI with a leg injury. Nooooo!

» **Worst mini-series:** A quick three-and-out on their opening drive is no way for the Bears to go through life. Then again, it is the way I've gone through life as a Bears fan.

» **Best ex-Purdue QB:** Kyle Orton wins the first quarter. Few yards, but no mistakes while Drew Brees threw an interception and couldn't get in the end zone.

» **Best original score:** Bears 7, Saints 0

SECOND QUARTER

» **Least disappointing:** The Bears had New Orleans deep in its own territory, but Brees hit Marques Colston on third down for 24 yards. No matter, the Saints soon punted.

» **Most disappointing:** What is it about the 1-yard line that freaks the Bears out? Two weeks ago, they gave up a 99-yard TD pass. On Thursday, Olin Kreutz snaps the ball too soon to cause a fumble and the Saints convert two plays later to make it 7-7.

» **Best comeback:** Forte returned in time to score on a 1-yard TD run. He's not the God, but he's a god.

» **Worst straight-to-video:** To reverse a call, the instant replay has to be conclusive! The Saints challenged a catch by Brandon Lloyd that did NOT show the ball touching the ground. So the Bears had to punt. Phooey.

» **Best ex-Purdue QB:** I was going to rename this category "Best Rex Grossman impersonation" until Orton ended a 6-yard TD run with a dive past two Saint defenders.

» **Best original score:** Bears 21, Saints 7

THIRD QUARTER

» Lifetime achievement award:

The Bears didn't touch the ball until the 8:31 mark, and thanks to an instant replay challenge the Saints' opening drive lasted forever.

» **Best pick-ture:** Don't you just love happy endings? The Saints' long opening drive ends with Adewale Ogunleye's interception of a really dumb Brees pass.

» **Dog of the year:** Orton comes right back with an interception of his own when Rashied Davis can't hang onto a pass, and two plays later Pierre Thomas runs 42 yards for a TD. I think I've seen this movie before. And I don't think I like how it ends.

» **Worst villain:** We're nearly done with the game and Reggie Bush hasn't flipped into the end zone or done anything else that might antagonize the Bears. Hmmmm, maybe gaining only 30 yards so far means he's actually the good guy.

» **Best ex-Purdue QB:** OK, Brees wins the quarter but the way he's playing it sure seems like he's using a body double.

» **Best original score:** Bears 21, Saints 14

FOURTH QUARTER / OT

» **Best screen play:** The Saints were getting awfully close to a game-tying TD until the Bears stepped it up on third down and stuffed a dump-off pass. They settle for a field goal.

» **Absolute worst straight-to-video:** The Bears try a fake punt from midfield with just under 8 minutes left, and Adrian Peterson CATCHES THE PASS! But it's ruled incomplete and somehow instant replay affirms. No [bleepin'] way.

» **Worst director:** Needing a few inches on fourth down from the Bears' 38, Saints coach Sean Payton sends Thomas to the outside. He loses 5 yards.

» **Worst ex-Purdue QB:** Orton throws the ball right into the hands of the Saints' Scott Fujita.

» **Worst ending:** Moments later, Brees hits Marques Colston for an 11-yard TD.

» **Gould-en Globe:** Robbie Gould hits a chip shot to force overtime as time expires.

» **Best ending:** Hester draws an interference call and Gould hits another chip shot. Ballgame.

» **Best original score:** Bears 27, Saints 24

Nobody does it worse

Disgusting. Appalling. Jaw-dropping. Even for these parts.

That's right. A Chicago sports team may be going out of business.

Of course, it's one of our best teams. Go figure. The Chicago Rush, your 2006 Arena Bowl Champions and perennial playoff team, co-owned by one-time near-U.S. Senate candidate Mike Ditka, came this close to folding along with the rest of the league. A quick note: I use the term "folding" as in they're going out of business. Usually that term means ... well, this is Chicago, you know what that means.

Another quick note to Da Coach who may have some time on his hands now: That Senate seat they wanted you for in 2004? It's now technically open again. For 500 Grand, it looks like it could be yours. Keep it on the down-low, however. The Governor is being watched closely right now.

How sad. Our most successful team probably isn't going to be around, while it's business as usual for the other mopes around here.

OK, so it's not business as usual exactly. It turns out the Tribune Co. has filed for bankruptcy. So, I guess now wouldn't be a good time to go in and ask for a raise?

Someone explain this to me. We're bankrupt, but somehow we can still make a play for Jake Peavy and a left-handed hitting outfielder? Ah, who am I kidding? I'm so desperate for a winner to make this happen I'm willing to donate part of my spleen. Or your spleen.

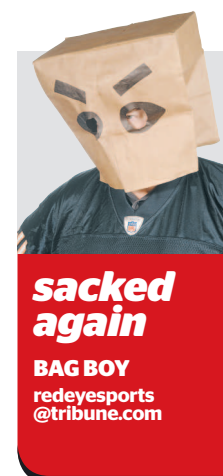
The downside, of course, is that Mark DeRosa was involved in trade talks. He's our best-hitting right fielder, left fielder, third baseman, second baseman ... he's the roster. But if Jason Marquis has to go, fine. I have no problems saying goodbye to that one.

I wouldn't have any problems saying goodbye to half the Bulls roster right now, either. As it turns out, you really do have to earn your minutes. So keep that in mind, Tyrus Thomas and Joakim Noah, next time you see my favorite stat: DNP-Coach's decision.

By the way—loved the win against the Knicks. I'm counting down the days until they whiff on LeBron James.

Oh, and nice surface at Soldier Field. Out of all the money that changes hands in this city, one would think that \$600 million would at least buy us a decent field to play football on.

Better yet, I'll take a lousy surface and a great team any day.



Bears keep playoff hopes alive with thrilling OT win

Robbie Gould kicked the tying field goal at the end of regulation and booted a 35-yarder in overtime to lift the Bears to a 27-24 victory over the New Orleans Saints on Thursday night, giving their playoff hopes a boost.

Drew Brees hit Marques Colston for an 11-yard TD pass with just over 3 min-

utes left to give New Orleans its first lead at 24-21 but Gould's 28-yard field goal sent the game into overtime.

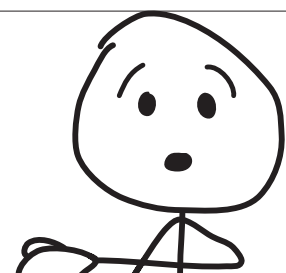
Pierre Thomas broke off a 45-yard touchdown run as the Saints closed the gap to 21-14 in the third. Bears defensive end Adewale Ogunleye thwarted a New Orleans drive in the third with an interception but the Saints got the ball right back when Orton's pass bounced off

Rashied Davis to safety Josh Bullocks. Two plays later, Thomas scored his second TD of the game.

Danieal Manning returned the opening kickoff 83 yards for a TD, Matt Forte had a 1-yard TD run set up by a pass interference call and Orton scampered six yards for a TD with 49 seconds to go in the second as the Bears built a 21-7 lead.

Good riddance

It's over. This week, the Jake Peavy trade talks and, if That Guy is any kind of prognosticator, the Bears' playoff hopes.



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1 The panel was asked to predict the outcome of the Bears game prior to kickoff.	My 1st home game: Rex + Tracy - UF talent + neckbeard - sun = reply hazy, try again.	Cold and disappointing.	I'd tell you but my Tribune-issued crystal ball was repossessed this week.	Hmm, New Orleans, Chicago. Illinois, Louisiana. Huey Long, Blago. Bears win the "Corruption Bowl" easy.	My heart says the Bears will win but my head says eat candle wax cuz it looks yummy.
2 How will you remember the Jake Peavy deal that never was?	Poorly, like other women who have seen Peavy not seal the deal.	I'll be lighting my menorah in his honor.	By the pain I'll experience from removing a "Jake Peavy 4 Ever" tattoo from my chest.	Like all my ex-girlfriends that never were. On Facebook. Married. With kids. Damn.	By repeating my favorite movie line, "Forget it Jake, it's Chinatown." Wasn't "The Godfather" awesome!
3 Where did the Rule 5 draft get its name?	That Guy, who high fives as he adds teenagers to his roster.	Who's doing body shots with me at RedEye's holiday party tonight? Stone Lotus at 9 p.m.	From the book "1001 Names For Your Beautiful, Bouncing Draft."	Dunno, but Clemente and Podsednik were draftees. There are gems to be had!	Either Italy or Atlantis.
4 How will you celebrate the survival of the Arena Football League?	Fist pump, brah. Now jails won't have to take in extra ex-FSU players.	With spectacular apathy.	With financially-troubled but higher-scoring bourbon and hookers.	By continuing to ignore the scores and standings, as well as the actual games.	By going to an Arena Football League game! Go you Johnsonville Brats!
5 What athlete would you most want to smash your camera, and why?	Jo Noah if it involved a flash.	Danica Patrick. She's even hotter when she's angry.	Plaxico. Because he's the only one I can be absolutely sure isn't packing heat now.	James Caan, Sonny Corleone-style in "The Godfather." Caan played football at Michigan St.	Olive Oyl. Oh, Olive. You. Complete. Me.

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Leach: 'They ought to quit giving out the award'

Harrell's coach livid over Heisman ceremony snub

Associated Press

Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell shrugged when the Heisman Trophy committee left him off its list of finalists. His coach fumed.

Harrell put up more yards passing than Oklahoma's Sam Bradford, Colt McCoy of Texas and defending Heisman winner Tim Tebow of Florida, and led his team to the same 11-1 record as those three stars.

Yet Harrell won't be sitting next to them Saturday night at the awards show in New York.

"If Graham is not invited to the Heisman, they ought to quit giving out the award," Texas Tech coach Mike Leach said in a statement Wednesday night after the finalists were announced. "It is a shameless example of politics ruling over performance. The other guys are deserving, but he has earned a place alongside them."

The Heisman committee has chosen as many as six finalists in the past, but there's no definitive method to determine how many are invited to New York. Harrell said perennially strong programs hold the edge.

"Those things are going to get the benefit of the doubt when all things are equal," Harrell said from Orlando, where he was attending The Home Depot/ESPN College Football Awards on Thursday night. "Sometimes you're going to



McCoy

McCoy named top player

Texas quarterback Colt McCoy was chosen as the 2008 player of the year by the Walter Camp Football Foundation on Thursday.

The junior passed for 3,445 yards and 32 touchdowns, while rushing for 576 yards and 10 scores.

get recognition, sometimes you're not."

Harrell won the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award this week and is one of three finalists for the Davey O'Brien Award (McCoy and Bradford are the others). He passed for 4,747 yards and needs two more touchdown throws to break the career record of 131 set by Hawaii's Colt Brennan.

"I feel like he deserves to be there, but on the other side that's just not my Super Bowl. I don't think it's his Super Bowl," said Sam Harrell, Graham's dad and coach at Ennis.

Harrell said he is focused on leading his eighth-ranked Red Raiders past No. 20 Mississippi—the only team to beat Florida and Tebow this year—on the Cotton Bowl.



Yeah, I know I'm giving you a lot of 7 p.m. options. The key is to unplug the phone, go to the bathroom early, move the refrigerator into the TV room and never—I repeat, never—let the remote control fall between the cushions.



BULLS AT MEMPHIS

7 p.m. CSN
Derrick Rose returns to the city where he spent nine glorious months of college.



BLACKHAWKS AT COLORADO

8 p.m. CSN-Plus
Shouldn't the team with the winning record be on the main Comcast channel?



NEW ORLEANS AT BOSTON

7 p.m. ESPN
This game will pit Chris Paul vs. Paul Pierce. Weird.

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MONTANA AT JAMES MADISON

7 p.m. ESPN2
Gee, an actual college football playoff? What a novel idea.

HOMETOWN HITS



Peavy deal dead

Jake Peavy appears to be staying put with the San Diego Padres—for now. General Manager Kevin Towers said Thursday that Cubs GM Jim Hendry told him he was ceasing pursuit of the 2007 NL Cy Young Award winner.



White Sox infielder Wilson Betemit agreed to a one-year, \$1.3 million contract on Thursday. Betemit was acquired from New York last month in the trade that sent Nick Swisher to the Yankees. Betemit was a utility player with the Yankees last season, batting .265 with six homers and 25 RBIs in 87 games.

BASKETBALL

Harlem Globetrotter dies on tour

Chris "Flash" Richardson, a member of the Harlem Globetrotters, died in his sleep Wednesday while on tour in Japan, an official with the team said Thursday. He was 28. Although the cause of death was not yet confirmed, Richardson likely died of natural causes, said Globetrotters spokesman Brett Meister.

GOLF

Aussie fan gets a dose of Daly rage

John Daly smashed a spectator's camera into a tree during the first round of the Australian Open on Thursday. After pushing his tee shot wide on the ninth hole—his last—Daly walked into a clump of trees, where spectator Brad Clegg tried to take a picture at close range. Daly snatched the camera and smashed it against the nearest tree, telling the man, "You want it back, I'll buy you a new one."

Asked if he would seek compensation, Clegg told the Australian Associated Press: "I don't think I'll be chasing him for the money. He's a big bloke!" Clegg said he didn't think he provoked Daly by going so close.

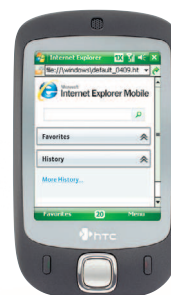
"I was bold, but I wasn't unreasonable," Clegg said.

Terms and conditions for tickets at the Australian Open prohibit the use of cameras on the course for spectators. Tournament director Trevor Herden said he spoke to Clegg and the spectator realized he should not have been using the camera without proper accreditation. Organizers offered Clegg tickets for the weekend, but he declined.

Daly is sensitive about cameras on the course, having required surgery earlier this year to fix a torn muscle in his stomach that he said he injured at the Honda Classic in 2007 when he tried to stop his swing after hearing the click of a fan's camera.

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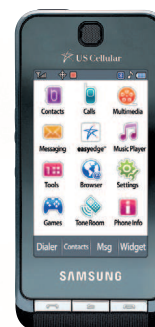
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Claus and effect

Crawl into the spirit with TBOX 2008, SantaCon, winter brews and more

weekend best bets

By Beth Geraci
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PICK OF THE WEEK

A jolly bender

Lots of holiday cheer is on tap—and \$3 Miller Lites, to boot—at the **13th Annual 12 Bars of Christmas Pub Crawl**, where revelers carouse at 30-plus Wrigleyville bars. Meet at Cubby Bear for the kickoff, then split into one of two groups for the 12-hour crawl, which hits up spots like Casey Moran's (3660 N. Clark St.), Red Ivy (3525 N. Clark St.) and The Wild Hare (3530 N. Clark St.) before returning to Cubby Bear for what's sure to be a—um—spirited session of live band karaoke. 9:30 a.m. Saturday. \$30. 1059 W. Addison St. 773-478-3378. Advanced purchase recommended: shopfesta.com/tbox



12 Bars of Christmas Pub Crawl
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in North America, the international booze bash features nearly 100 seasonals from Anchor, Sam Smith, Sierra Nevada, King & Barnes and more. Holiday film screenings and Mike Miller's rockin' Christmas tunes fuel the festive vibe. Noon Saturday. \$20. 2771 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-2771.

Net worth

Meet bombshell tennis star **Anna Kournikova**—and follow her example—when she serves one up for charity at Enclave. Bring a toy worth \$20 (or cash donation) to benefit Kournikova's favorite charity, The Union League Boys and Girls Club. Drink specials include \$6-\$10 holiday-themed cocktails. 9 p.m. Saturday. 220 W. Chicago Ave. 312-654-0234.



Con artists

You better watch out: **SantaCon** is coming to town. Don a Santa suit, Mrs. Claus getup or other festive costume (antlers, anyone?) for the third annual adventure, which stops at six downtown pubs. In addition to sipping, prepare to sing carols on the steps of the Art Institute of Chicago, pose for photo-ops with random shoppers at Water Tower, compete in a "hot Santa" contest and more. BYO money for food and drink; prepare to walk or take the "L" between stops. 2 p.m. Saturday. No cover. Meet at Tavern Tap Pub, Congress Plaza Hotel, 520 S. Michigan Ave. 312-427-3800.

BEST OF THE REST

Like it a latke?

Hanukkah is a week away, but the time is now for the **Latke Battle and Brunch: A Potato Pancake Throw Down**. Dine on a buffet of bagels and challah French toast, then watch amateur cooks go spatula-to-spatula against Wolfgang Puck chef Laura Frankel in a potato pancake-making contest (12:30 p.m.). After, sample the creations and take recipes home. Chef Ina Pinkney and local comedian Aaron Freeman pick the champ and winner of a Frankel-signed cookbook. 11 a.m. Sunday. \$42. Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies, 610 S. Michigan Ave. 312-322-1700.

Pooch party

Chicago's rep as a dog-friendly town isn't tarnished when the weather turns dreary. Bring Fido out to play at the **Howl-iday Shopping and Sing-Along** and browse pet clothing and accessories, toys and holiday cards while violinists play holiday music. Animal intuitive Denise Zak is on hand to tell you what your pup really wants for Christmas (\$15 per reading). Noon Sunday. Free. The Anti-Cruelty Society, 510 N. La Salle St. 312-644-8338, ext. 307.

PARTY PICKS

So chill

Birthday parties don't get much cooler than **The Cool Kids Birthday Blowout**. Be there as the rap duo's Antoine "Mikey Rocks" Reed celebrates his 21st with a live set with bandmate Evan "Chuck English" Ingersoll. Also features DJ Timbuck 2, video artist Vashtie and others. 9 p.m. Friday. \$20. Le Passage, 937 N. Rush St. 312-255-0022.

Liquid lunch

Delilah's **10th Annual Christmas and Winter Beer Tasting** really puts the spirit into the holidays. Billed as the largest event of its kind

Metromix's top picks

**Clark Street Ale House**
FILE FOR METROMIX**CLARK STREET ALE HOUSE**

5:30 p.m.: Colonel Tribune Tweet-up. Grab a paper hat and have a beer with the Chicago Tribune's Web ambassador and fellow bloggers, vloggers and fans of Twitter, MySpace, Facebook, Digg, Fark, Reddit, Brightkite, Pownce and StumbleUpon. No

cover; 742 N. Clark St. 312-642-9253.

SCHOOLYARD TAVERN & GRILL

9 p.m.: Merry Mustachmas IV. Guys, sport a 'stache for a beer at this holiday party. Ladies, the same deal applies if you let someone draw one on. No cover; 3258 N. Southport Ave. 773-528-8226.

LE PASSAGE & THE DRAWING ROOM

9 p.m.: The Cool Kids Birthday Blowout. One half of the rap duo—Antoine "Mikey Rocks" Reed—celebrates his 21st b-day by performing live with his bandmate, Evan "Chuck Inglish" Ingersoll. \$20; 937 N. Rush St. 312-255-0022.

BRIDGET MCNEILL'S

\$2 off nachos, \$3 Corona bottles, \$3 Pacifico Clara bottles, \$5 bombs; 420 W. Belmont Ave. 773-248-6654.

BUCKS SALOON

\$2 Schnapp's cocktails, \$11 Miller pitchers; 3439 N. Halsted St. 773-525-1125.

CLUB ROYALE

6 p.m.: Cocktails and Connections. DJs Markfullaflava and I.N.C. spin. Cover varies; 205 N. Peoria St. 312-666-9400.

DELILAH'S

\$3 Labatt Blue pints and Maker's Mark cocktails; 2771 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-2771.

THE FRANKLIN TAP

\$5 Effen cocktails, half-price appetizers with drink purchase after 6 p.m.; 325 S. Franklin St. 312-212-3262.

GANNON'S PUB

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GOODBAR

\$5 martinis and bombs; 2512 N. Halsted St. 773-296-9700.

THE GRAFTON

\$5 20-ounce Beamish drafts; 4530 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-271-9000.

GRAND RIVER

\$5 sandwiches, \$5 martinis, \$3 Heineken/Light and Amstel Light, \$3 SoCo Lime shots; 3032 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-281-9900.

GREALY'S

\$2.75 Carlsberg and Woodpecker Cider pints; 5001 W. Lawrence Ave. 773-736-5400.

HYDRATE

\$4 Jameson shots, DJs spin 11 p.m.-4 a.m.; 3458 N. Halsted St. 773-975-9244.

INNJOY

\$9.95 all-you-can-eat fish fry (5-10 p.m.), \$4

Heineken Light and Amstel Light bottles, \$6 Jager bombs; 2051 W. Division St. 773-394-2066.

KINCADE'S

\$3.50 Dos Equis drafts, \$5 Captain Morgan cocktails; 950 W. Armitage Ave. 773-348-0010.

THE KINETIC PLAYGROUND

\$3 PBR bottles, \$4 well drinks; 1113 W. Lawrence Ave. 773-769-5483.

MARY'S ATTIC

\$5 slushies, \$2 Jell-O shots, DJs spin; 5400 N. Clark St. 773-784-6969.

MULLEN'S BAR AND GRILL

\$3.50 Leinenkugel's Sunset Wheat bottles; 7301 N. Western Ave. 773-465-2113.

THE ORBIT ROOM

\$4 SKA True Blonde bottles, \$9 fish and chips dinner; 2959 N. California Ave. 773-588-8540.

THE ORIGINAL MOTHER'S

\$3 Sex on the Beach cocktails; 26 W. Division St. 312-642-7251.

THE PONY

\$3 Sierra Nevada and Newcastle pints; 1638 W. Belmont Ave. 773-828-5055.

RISQUE CAFE

\$6 ribs, \$1 Hamm's cans, live rock; 3419 N. Clark St. 773-525-7711.

SHEFFIELD'S

\$2 select shots, half-price appetizers (4-7 p.m.); 3258 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-281-4989.

SPIN

\$5 Absolut cocktails, \$7 Absolut martinis, VJ Riley York and DJ Chris Eterno 10 p.m. No cover; 800 W. Belmont Ave. 773-327-7711.

SUBTERRANEAN

\$4 Stoli flavored cocktails, \$5 appetizer combo, DJs Trew, Intel, Maker and Pickel spin. \$5; 2011 W. North Ave. 773-278-6600.

TRADER TODD'S

\$5 sunset punch, \$6.95 shrimp boil (5-8 p.m.); 3216 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-975-8383.

THE UNDERGROUND WONDER BAR

\$5 UV martinis; 10 E. Walton St. 312-266-7761.

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9:30 p.m. \$8. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. housecallent.com

BIG SCIENCE, THE GUNSHY
10 p.m. \$8. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

BUCKY COVINGTON
8:30 p.m. \$15. Joe's, 940 W. Weed St. 312-337-3486.

FAREED HAQUE'S FLAT EARTH ENSEMBLE
9 p.m. \$10-\$15. Green Mill, 4802 N. Broadway. 773-878-5552.

GRACE POTTER AND THE NOCTURNALS, BLUES AND LASERS
9 p.m. \$15. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 312-559-1212, 773-404-9869.

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8 p.m. \$12-\$15. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

HOLLOWS, PAUL CARY, MOTHER OF TEARS
10:30 p.m. \$10. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

MAJORS JUNCTION
6:30 p.m. \$5. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

MARCIA BALL, JOE FILISKO
7 and 10 p.m. \$18-\$22. Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-728-6000.

MILK AT MIDNIGHT, PENTHOUSE SWEETS, THE JEFF MANGUM APPRECIATION SOCIETY
10 p.m. \$8. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

MONTE MONTGOMERY
8 p.m. \$22. The Morse Theatre, 1328 Morse Ave. 773-654-5100.

OASIS, RYAN ADAMS AND THE CARDINALS, MATT COSTA
7 p.m. \$39.50-\$69.50. Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Rd., Rosemont. 312-559-1212.

PAQUITO D'RIVERA
8 p.m. \$13-\$43. Harris Theater for Music and Dance in Millennium Park, 205 E. Randolph Drive. 312-334-7777.

HAYMARKET RIOT, PAPILLION, THE SASS DRAGONS
8 p.m. \$5-\$10. Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St. 312-666-6775.

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9:30 p.m. \$5-\$8. Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. housecallent.com

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9 p.m. \$13-\$15. Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-489-3160.

Saturday

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9 p.m. \$15. FitzGerald's, 6615 Roosevelt Rd., Berwyn. 708-788-2118.

ADAM AND THE WEIGHT, BRAD PETERSON
7 p.m. \$10. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

ANDREW RIPP, 56 HOPE RD
10 p.m. \$10. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

ANITA BAKER
8 p.m. \$65-\$80. Star Plaza Theatre, 8001 Delaware Pl., Merrillville, Ind. 312-559-1212.

BLACK JAKE AND THE CARNIES, RICH SALAMANDER
9 p.m. \$7. Ronny's, 2101 N. California Ave. mpshows.com

BOX OF BABY BIRDS, LACONA, PUNK BAND/RABID RABBIT BIG BAND, MELY Z AND JT, JULIANA, OTHERS
9 p.m. \$10. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

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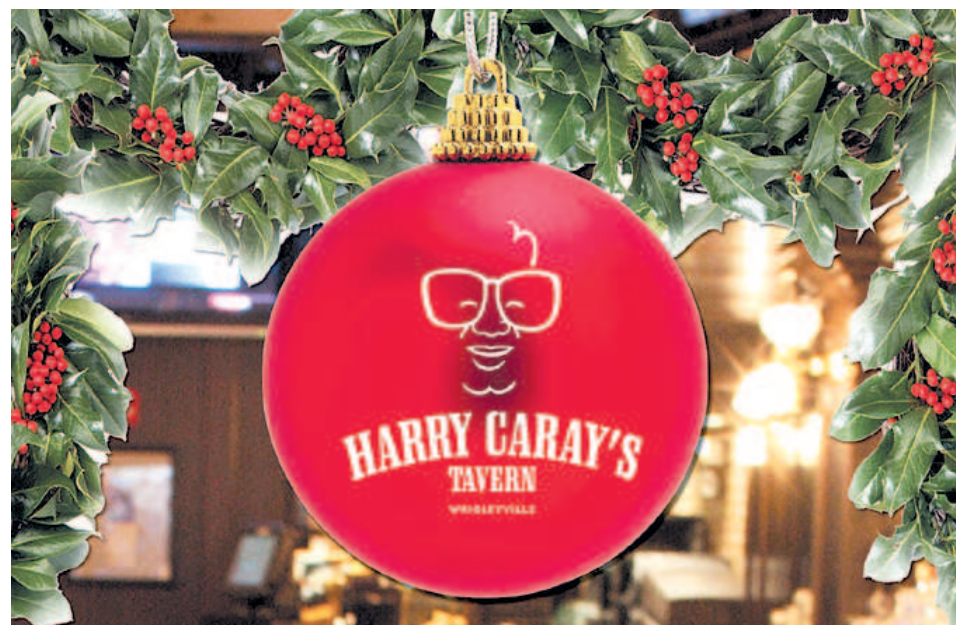
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10 p.m. \$10. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

LINDA EDER
8 p.m. \$40-\$95. Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Congress Pkwy. 312-902-1400.

MAPS AND ATLASES, PATTERN

IS MOVEMENT, NETHERFRIENDS
8 p.m. \$12. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. housecallent.com

MOLEHILL, FARKUS, THE JOHNS, COBALT
9 p.m. \$6-\$9. Abbey Pub, 3420 W. Grace St. 773-478-4408.

OVER THE RHINE, JIM BIANCO
9 p.m. \$20. Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-489-3160.

POLAR BEAR CLUB, THE SWELLERS, FIREWORKS, THE SKY WE SCRAPE, GUNNER'S DAUGHTER
5 p.m. \$8-\$10. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

JUMPSUIT, COUGARS, SOFT TARGETS, VETERANS
8 p.m. \$5-\$10. Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St. 312-666-6775.

ROY HARGROVE QUINTET
8 and 10 p.m. Cover varies. Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Ct. 312-360-0234.

SON OF NUN, KEVIN COVAL
9 p.m. \$10-\$25. The Viaduct, 3111 N. Western Ave. 773-296-6024.

Sunday

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9:30 p.m. \$8. Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. housecallent.com

CHRIS CONNELLY, I: SCINTILLA, SIDE-PROJECT
7 p.m. \$6. darkroom, 2210 W. Chicago Ave. 773-276-1411.

CHRIS KNIGHT
8 p.m. \$15. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

JARS OF CLAY, LEELAND, SIXPENCE NONE THE RICHER, SARA GROVES
7 p.m. \$25-\$35. Star Plaza Theatre, 8001 Delaware Pl., Merrillville, Ind. 312-559-1212.

L'ALTRA, SISSY WISH, MY GOLD MASK, LE CONCORDE
8 p.m. \$8-\$10. Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St. 312-666-6775.

LAUREN FROST, JEROME HOLLOWAY
9 p.m. \$5. Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-489-3160.

LOVE IS ALL, CRYSTAL STILTS, BIRD NAMES
9 p.m. \$12. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

THE NIX, ANDY SUFFERS, SO LONG CHARLIE, LOPHOBORA
8 p.m. \$5-\$8. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

RULET, FACE OFF, SLOW GUN SHOGUN
8:30 p.m. \$8. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. housecallent.com

SHAWN COLVIN, GARRISON STARR
7:30 p.m. \$35. Park West, 322 W. Armitage Ave. 312-559-1212.

WU-TANG CLAN, KEITH MASTERS
9 p.m. \$45-\$48. House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

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Less Than Jake, The Expendables, The Flatliners, Sunday, March 22 (\$16-\$18, all ages) at House of Blues.

Meshuggah, Cynic, Sunday, Feb. 15 (\$20-\$22, all ages) at House of Blues.

On sale noon Friday

Murder by Death, The Builders and the Butchers, Fake Problems, Tuesday, Feb. 10 (\$15, 21+) at Schubas.

The Submarines, The Morning Benders, Tuesday, Feb. 17 (\$12-\$15, 18+) at Schubas.

On sale 10 a.m. Saturday

Antony and the Johnsons, Thursday, Feb. 12 (\$29, all ages) at Vic Theatre.

Flogging Molly, Tuesday, March 17 (\$26.50, all ages) at Congress Theater.

Taylor Hicks, Saturday, Jan. 17 (\$40, 21+) at Martyrs'.

Nickelback, Seether, Saving Abel, Thursday, March 12 (\$46.50-\$75, all ages) at Allstate Arena, Sunday, March 15 (\$47.50-\$67.50, all ages) at I Wireless Center, Moline.

The Pretenders, Sunday, Feb. 15 (\$43, all ages) at Riviera Theatre.

**Nickelback****On sale noon Saturday**

Frankie Valli, Saturday, April 18 (\$62.50-\$72.50, all ages) at Chicago Theatre.

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Same ol' Oasis

Minneapolis Star Tribune

Of all the excuses Oasis has doled out for canceling gigs, at least the one that made headlines in September can be easily verified.

"Just go to YouTube—it's there for all the world to see," guitarist and bandleader Noel Gallagher said, referring to the Sept. 7 attack by an audience member who rushed the stage during a concert in Toronto.

The online clips show Gallagher getting tackled from behind with linebacker-like force and landing on his stage monitors. Don't look for the British rocker to make any more excuses, though, on the current tour with Ryan Adams.

"I've been given the all-clear and everything's healed," he said in a phone interview before the tour kicked off last week. "I'm back to the way I was before."

Indeed, Oasis' new album, "Dig Out Your Soul," offers the same Beatles-&-Stones-copping sound that made the band famous in the mid-'90s, which is to say it's their best album since their heyday. Likewise, Gallagher showed the same flashes of arrogance and inhibition that have made him one of rock's great characters, and the same contempt for his brother, Oasis singer Liam Gallagher.

Any lingering physical or mental effects from the attack?

No. It was two months with three broken ribs and five bruised ones. Mentally, no, not at all. I'm not that fragile upstairs.

Is it true Liam tried to kick the crap out of the guy?

Yeah, you can actually see that on YouTube, too. It's very embarrassing.



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So he does like you.

No, no. Of course, he doesn't. We have a mutual understanding in that department. Nothing has changed there. At best, we have a hostile relationship. At worst, it's nasty. I can live with that, though.

How do you rate Liam as a songwriter?

He tends to write a lot of ballads, which is quite annoying. I've got to say, though, if I didn't like them, I'd say so. But I generally think his songs are pretty good. The best thing about him is his music. The rest of him I could live without.

You guys get a steady balance of criticism and praise for not trying to reinvent the wheel from album to album. Do you consciously follow the same formula?

I genuinely don't care what people say. I write my songs on guitar. I can't write on keyboards. I do what I do. I don't analyze it. Other people do, and I don't care what they say about it.

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Chicago Top 10

No.	Song, Artist	LW
1	"Whatever You Like" T.I.	1
2	"Disturbia" Rihanna	22
3	"Live Your Life" T.I. w/ Rihanna	2
4	"Can't Believe It" T-pain	3
5	"Let It Rock" Kevin Rudolf	5
6	"Miss Independent" Ne-Yo	4
7	"Hot N Cold" Katy Perry	6
8	"Right Now (Na Na Na)" Akon	7
9	"Single Ladies" Beyonce Knowles	12
10	"Womanizer" Britney Spears	8

National Top 10

No.	Song, Artist	LW
1	"Whatever You Like" T.I.	2
2	"Live Your Life" T.I. w/ Rihanna	1
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5	"Miss Independent" Ne-Yo	3
6	"Let It Rock" Kevin Rudolf	5
7	"Right Now (Na Na Na)" Akon	6
8	"Hot N Cold" Katy Perry	8
9	"If I Were A Boy" Beyonce Knowles	17
10	"Single Ladies" Beyonce Knowles	11

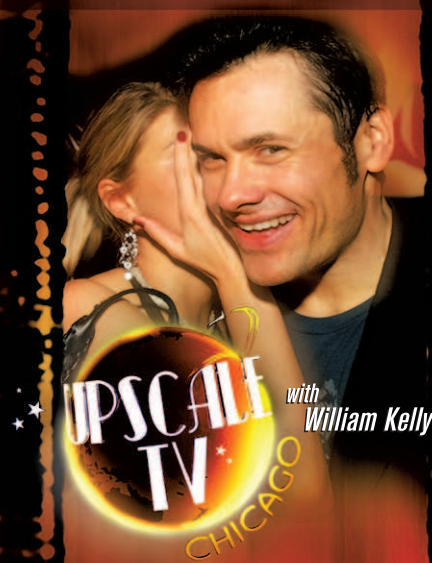
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Homecoming king

Freddy Rodriguez finds big-screen warmth in Humboldt Park

By Matt Pais

Freddy Rodriguez knows how film crews anger residents when a movie shoot takes over a neighborhood.

“People are usually pretty pissed off when we’re in their neighborhoods filming,” the Chicago-raised actor told RedEye recently, “because we take up all their parking spaces and disrupt their normal routine every day.”

Not the case, though, when Rodriguez—who was born in Lincoln Park and raised in Bucktown—was shooting “Nothing Like the Holidays” in Humboldt Park during 2007’s cold winter. Rodriguez said local residents treated the cast—which also includes John Leguizamo and Debra Messing—like family, inviting them into their homes and even offering to make them homemade chicken soup.

In the family dramedy, opening Friday, Rodriguez plays Jesse, an Iraq War vet who returns home in time for Christmas with his large extended family. Rodriguez said the film aims to make a realistic holiday movie about a family with real problems—while positively portraying the people of Humboldt Park and showing that Puerto Rican families are like any other family.

“We get together in large numbers,” he said. “We’re loud. We drink. We eat a lot. We Christmas carol. But we put our own twist to it.”

Rodriguez lives in L.A. but said he, his wife and two kids spend time at his Gold Coast residence whenever the kids are out of school and he’s not working. During an interview at the Four Seasons Hotel, Rodriguez, 33, talked about filming in subzero temperatures, his worst holiday gift and why he’s hipper than his parents—maybe.

So, what do you do if people invite you into their home to feed you and the food’s terrible?

[Laughs] You fake it. [Laughs] You fake it, I guess. But thank God that wasn’t



Alfred Molina (from left), Vanessa Ferlito and Freddy Rodriguez star in “Nothing Like the Holidays.” OVERTURE FILMS

FAST-PAISED REVIEW Nothing Like the Holidays (PG-13)

Like a turkey with too much stuffing, “Holidays” has a lot of subplots that the movie can’t quite hold. But that’s not a huge problem when watching a family this well constructed. Watching this nice, warm movie feels good, without feeling like you’re choking on eggnog that’s 10 times too sweet. **MATT PAIS, METROMIX**

the case. The food was always good.

How much of an advantage did you have as a native Chicagoan while filming in the cold?

I don’t care how long you’ve lived in Chicago, 20 below really sucks. People said, “Weren’t you used to it?” I go, “Well, yeah, I was used to it,” but you gotta think: When it’s 20 below outside, you’re not outside working for 15 hours. You get in and out of your car, you get in and out of your house. But we were outside working for 13, 15 hours a day sometimes.

Which cast member had the hardest time dealing with the cold?

Debra [Messing], in the middle of filming, was so taken aback by the

cold that she went online and Googled “Arctic attire” and she bought herself a coat that someone would wear in arctic conditions. That’s how cold she was.

What’s the craziest Christmas you had when you were younger?

My Christmas always consisted of many, many, many family members in one tiny apartment. I remember as a kid there would be at least 50 aunts, uncles and cousins all in a little three-bedroom apartment here in Chicago. And it felt completely normal that we would all be jumbled up in this apartment.

What’s the worst holiday gift you ever received?

I just remember being a teenager getting clothes, and I always hated it. ‘Cause

when you’re a teenager, your clothes determine your social standing in your school. So if someone gives you a crappy sweater you’re obviously not going to wear it.

You couldn’t return it?

You just kinda kept it. I remember one time I got a really bad sweater, and summertime came around and I was using it to dry my car.

How scandalous. If the tabloids made something up about you, what would it be?

[Laughs] Make something up about me? I don’t know. In a negative light? I don’t know. They would say, “I saw Freddy Rodriguez at Costco with his wife and kids.”

And that would be made up? You don’t shop at Costco?

I do! But tabloids always want to catch you doing un-celebrity-like stuff. So I always get these weird looks whenever I go to Costco or Target or something like that. Like, “What’s he doing here? How come he’s not on Michigan Avenue shopping or in Beverly Hills?”

“Lying in his mansion, having someone feed him grapes.”

Yeah, exactly! It’s like, “I’m at Target. I gotta go get some shampoo.”

Is it safe to say you won’t be there buying clothes for your kids when they’re teenagers?

The difference I think is I’m hipper than what my parents were. My parents don’t even speak English, OK? They have no concept of what’s hip or what’s in. And I think that because of what I do for a living I’m a little more aware of what kids are wearing. So I think if I give clothes it’ll be with good taste.

They probably thought they were hipper than their parents too.

Maybe. You know? You’re probably right. I guess I’ll have to wait and see.

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Freddy Rodriguez
L.A. TIMES

Chicago pals

"Nothing Like the Holidays" was a homecoming for star Freddy Rodriguez and producers Robert Teitel and George Tillman Jr.

They met in the mid-1990s, both part of the hip-hop scene that spawned Kanye West and Common. Back then, Teitel and Tillman were shooting music videos in the same clubs haunted by Rodriguez as his film career began to take shape. Teitel, who also shot "Barbershop" and "Roll Bounce" locally, and Rodriguez had talked about doing a Latino film based in predominantly Puerto Rican Humboldt Park for years. Rodriguez is Puerto Rican, while Teitel jokes that he's "Sorta Rican," from a Puerto Rican mother and French father. (This joke makes it into the film, as do others from Teitel's life.)

Both men say they want to bring more productions to their hometown.

FAST FREDDY FACTS

- » He attended Lincoln Park High School.
- » He started acting at age 13 with Chicago's Whirlwind Performance Company.
- » Since making his film debut at 19, he has appeared in movies such as "Can't Hardly Wait," "Dead Presidents," "Bobby" and "Planet Terror."
- » He may be best known for his TV work as the ambitious mortician Federico Diaz on "Six Feet Under" and as America Ferrera's love interest, Giovanni, on "Ugly Betty." **TRIBUNE, L.A. TIMES**

"It's still so untapped. That's what's so great about Chicago. There are still a lot of places no one has shot," Teitel said. "I'll keep coming back here. Even if it doesn't make sense. ... I'll make a Western here." **TRIBUNE**

Chicago personality test

Here are the results of Freddy Rodriguez's Chicago personality test:



Best pizza: Father and Son, 2475 N. Milwaukee Ave.



Fave Chicago celebrity: Bill Murray



Fave movie filmed in Chicago: "Home Alone"



Fave sports team: Bulls

Overrated spot: Rush Street. "Although I live by that area. It's become much crazier than what I remember it being when I was growing up here. People on the street, drunk people. I almost hit somebody the other day with my car. It's just a crazy area."

Preferred late-night spots: Anywhere in Wicker Park, including Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave., and Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Another Chicago place to film a movie about: Green Mill, 4802 N. Broadway **M.P.**

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The sequel

This isn't the first time Debra Messing (left) and Freddy Rodriguez have worked together. What else did they work on? Text "**freddy**" and the number of your answer to **47383**. You'll get a text back telling you whether you got it right.

1. Six Feet Under
2. Along Came Polly

3. Will and Grace
4. A Walk in the Clouds

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Us vs. them

Keanu Reeves, Jennifer Connelly question humanity in 'The Day the Earth Stood Still'



The Fresno Bee

Strip away the special effects, the cool robot and the deep political message and "The Day the Earth Stood Still" boils down to one thing: It's us vs. them.

One human must convince an alien visitor named Klaatu that humanity is worth saving. This theme holds true for both the original 1951 version and the remake that opens Friday.

Director Scott Derrickson turned to a pair of sci-fi veterans for his updated version: Keanu Reeves and Jennifer Connelly. Reeves' past treks into the sci-fi film genre include the "Matrix" trilogy and "Johnny Mnemonic." Connelly's credits range from "Labyrinth" to the big-budget "Hulk."

"I love the genre," Reeves said. "I think science fiction provides great storytelling opportunities. I've just, in the past, had the

fortune to be part of good stories in science-fiction genre films."

The story in "The Day the Earth Stood Still" is that we are not alone. Beings have been watching from outer space. And they aren't happy. Klaatu and his ever-vigilant robot Gort are sent to Earth to explain how humans can't be allowed to continue their destructive ways.

Figuring out how to play Klaatu was a snap, Reeves said.

"There are certain cues," Reeves said. "When he's born, the first time he starts to speak, he tries to drink a glass of water and says his body is going to take some getting used to. It was just the concept of the separation of his consciousness and his body. I just approached it like any other role. What does it want?"

It wasn't quite so easy for Connelly. In the

original film, Helen Benson is a single mother who works as a secretary. Her contact with Klaatu is through the boarding house where they both live.

In the updated version, Helen again is a single mom. But she's also one of the scientists involved with the team gathered together to make first contact with the alien. And her stepson, Jacob (Jaden Smith), is more of a parental challenge.

Connelly sees the mother-stepson relationship as adding more depth to the role.

"I think the relationship between Helen and Jacob is employed in a different way than it is in the original film. It really functions like a little microcosm of human nature. How we are treating each other?" Connelly said. "I wanted people to be able to identify with her and I thought it was important that she be aware of the task and the enormity of that task and that position."

FAST PAISED REVIEW

THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (PG-13)



Despite an unnecessary prologue, "The Day the Earth Stood Still" starts out OK. From there the movie's like a skydiver whose parachute never opens, plummeting toward an ending that basically says, "Humans: Awful at Environmentalism, Great at Hugging." The mother-stepson business between Jennifer Connelly and Jaden Smith elevates things from stupid to blandly cliché. The most memorable scene is an unintentionally hilarious, tough-equation-on-a-chalkboard tag-team between Keanu Reeves' alien Klaatu and John Cleese as a scientist that looks like a rejected audition for "Good Will Hunting." **MATT PAIS, METROMIX**

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Different view of Africa

By Kyra Kyles
REDEYE

A local professor, weary of seeing images of Africa through animals and animation, offers movie fans a different vision of the continent with her short film, "Lioness of Lisabi."

Stephanie Shonekan based "Lioness" on the real-life experience of Nigerian activist Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti, who fought against patriarchy and male oppression during Nigeria's colonial period in the 1940s.

"I realized that many of my students, my own children and children's friends know about Africa, but what they know is what they've seen of animals on Discovery Channel or movies like 'Madagascar,'" said Shonekan, director of Columbia College Chicago's black

world studies department.

"This film is about a living, breathing part of African history, and it's important to see that human dimension ... that complexity," said Shonekan, who wrote and produced the film.

Shot in Trinidad with 15 locals, including some of Shonekan's former students, "Lioness of Lisabi" is no "The Lion King," she said.

Ransome-Kuti is known as the "lioness" because of her tireless fight for women's rights to vote and get an education, Shonekan said.

"Lioness" screens at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Film Row Cinema, Columbia College Chicago, 1104 S. Wabash Ave., eighth floor. Suggested donation for entry is \$5 for students and \$10 for the general public.

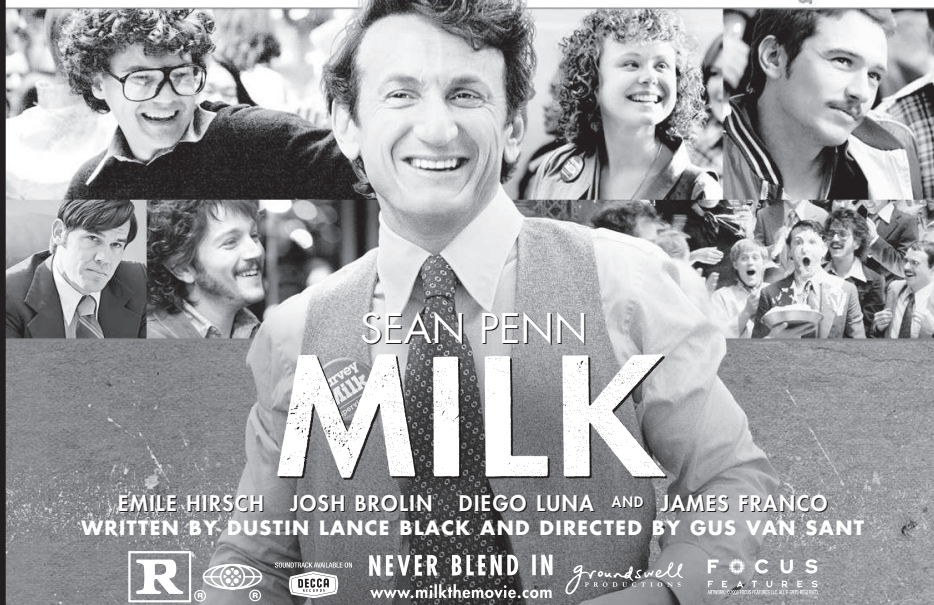
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@drinkbourbon: More movie than action this time, Bond seeks revenge while concurrently fighting an eco-terrorist. Daniel Craig is really really really hot.

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- **Slumdog Mill** (R) 1:45, 3:00, 4:40, 6:15, 7:45, 9:20, 10:40
- **Let the Right** (R) 1:50, 4:50, 7:40, 10:25

CITY NORTH 14 (KERASOTES)

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- **Earth Stood** (PG-13) ★ 10:40, 12:20, 1:00, 1:40, 3:20, 4:05, 4:40, 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 9:30, 10:10, 10:30
- **Nothing Like** (PG-13) ★ 10:30, 11:10, 1:30, 2:00, 4:30, 5:00, 7:20, 8:00, 10:10, 10:40
- **Delgo** (PG) ★ 10:10, 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
- **Punisher: War** (R) ★ 10:00, 12:40, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20
- **Cadillac Rec** (R) ★ 11:30, 2:30, 5:20, 8:10, 10:45
- **Transporter 3** (PG-13) 6:05, 8:30, 10:50
- **Four Chris** (PG-13) 10:20, 10:50, 12:50, 1:10, 1:30, 3:50, 5:30, 6:40, 7:50, 9:10, 10:20
- **Twilight** (PG-13) 10:15, 1:15, 4:10, 7:15, 10:15
- **Bolt in 3D** (PG) 11:20, 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:40
- **Quantum-Sol.** (PG-13) 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:10, 9:45
- **Madagascar 2** (PG) 11:00, 2:20, 3:30

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

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- **Four Chris** (PG-13) 6:15, 8:15, 10:15
- **Twilight** (PG-13) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
- **Bolt** (PG) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
- **Quantum-Sol.** (PG-13) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00

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- **Bolt** (PG) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
- **Cadillac Rec** (R) 10:50, 11:50, 1:20, 2:30, 3:50, 4:50, 6:20, 7:20, 9:00, 10:00
- **Earth Stood** (PG-13) 10:45, 11:30, 12:15, 1:30, 2:15, 3:00, 4:15, 5:00, 5:45, 6:45, 7:30, 8:30, 9:15, 10:15
- **Delgo** (PG) 11:10, 1:20, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:10
- **Four Chris** (PG-13) 11:00, 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50
- **Madagascar 2** (PG) 1:00, 3:10, 5:15, 7:25, 9:35
- **Nothing Like** (PG-13) 11:20, 12:20, 1:40, 3:00, 4:00, 5:30, 6:30, 7:50, 8:50, 10:15
- **Punisher: War** (R) 11:15, 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
- **Transporter 3** (PG-13) 11:40, 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
- **Twilight** (PG-13) 10:45, 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45

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- **Transporter 3** (PG-13) 2:15, 4:20, 6:30, 8:40
- **Madagascar 2** (PG) 2:05, 4:10, 6:15, 8:20
- **Changeling** (R) 2:10, 5:30, 8:10
- **Role Models** (R) 2:10, 4:15, 6:20, 8:30

MUSIC BOX

3733 N. Southport, Chicago
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- **Were-World** (NR) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
- **Christmas Tale** (NR) 5:30, 8:30

- **Rocky Horror** (R) 12:00 Midnight
- **Gremlins** (PG) 12:00 Midnight

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- **Let Them Chirp** (NR) 1:20, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:20
- **Rab Ne Bana** (NR) 6:00 P.M.
- **Dark Streets** (R) 1:15, 3:20, 5:30, 7:50, 10:00
- **Striped Pajamas** (PG-13) 1:30, 3:40, 9:30
- **AMC Select Rachel Getting** (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)

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- **AMC Select Frost/Nixon** (R) 10:10, 11:10, 12:10, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15, 5:15, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 10:45, 11:45
- **AMC Select Doubt** (PG-13) 10:40, 11:40, 1:30, 2:30, 4:20, 5:20, 7:15, 8:15, 10:10, 11:10
- **AMC Select Slumdog Mill** (R) 10:20, 1:20, 2:40, 4:20, 7:20, 8:20, 10:20
- **Earth Stood** (PG-13) 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00
- **AMC Select Milk** (R) 10:30, 1:40, 2:50, 4:40, 7:45, 8:45, 10:50
- **AMC Select Nothing Like** (PG-13) 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:25
- **Punisher: War** (R) 2:10, 7:50
- **Striped Pajamas** (PG-13) 6:05 P.M.
- **AMC Select Cadillac Rec** (R) 10:40, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 8:40, 10:30, 11:30
- **Four Chris** (PG-13) 11:25, 12:20, 2:10, 4:45, 5:45, 7:25, 10:00, 11:15
- **Australia** (PG-13) 11:40, 3:20, 7:05, 10:45
- **Transporter 3** (PG-13) 11:25, 5:05, 10:40
- **Bolt** (PG) 10:45, 1:05, 3:45
- **Bolt in 3D** (PG) ★ 11:45, 2:05, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
- **Twilight** (PG-13) 10:15, 1:15, 4:05, 7:10, 10:10
- **Quantum-Sol.** (PG-13) 10:50, 12:05, 1:35, 4:05, 6:00, 7:00, 9:50, 11:50

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)

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- **Earth Stood** (PG-13) ★ 12:10, 1:00, 2:00, 3:20, 4:00, 4:50, 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 9:00, 9:40, 10:50, 11:40, 12:15

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CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES) (continued)

- **Nothing Like** (PG-13) ★ 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10, 12:40
- **Delgo** (PG) ★ 12:50, 3:40, 6:10, 8:50, 11:15
- **Punisher: War** (R) ★ 2:15, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20, 12:50
- **Cadillac Rec** (R) ★ 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00, 12:30
- **Australia** (PG-13) 12:30, 4:20, 8:20, 9:15, 11:50
- **Transporter 3** (PG-13) 2:10, 5:15, 7:50, 10:15, 12:45
- **Four Chris** (PG-13) 12:20, 1:10, 3:00, 4:10, 5:30, 6:40, 8:10, 9:30, 10:25, 11:45
- **Twilight** (PG-13) 12:40, 3:30, 6:30, 9:20, 12:01
- **Bolt** (PG) 1:40, 4:15, 6:45
- **Bolt in 3D** (PG) 11:50, 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:45, 12:10
- **Quantum-Sol.** (PG-13) 12:45, 3:45, 6:50, 9:50, 12:20
- **Madagascar 2** (PG) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:55, 12:05
- **Striped Pajamas** (PG-13) 1:20, 3:50, 6:15, 9:10, 11:30
- **Role Models** (R) 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:35, 12:55

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)

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- **Australia** (PG-13) 10:45, 12:30, 2:15, 4:00, 6:10, 8:00, 9:40
- **Four Chris** (PG-13) 11:40, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 10:00
- **Twilight** (PG-13) 11:50, 3:15, 6:20, 9:10
- **Bolt** (PG) 11:30, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30
- **Quantum-Sol.** (PG-13) 11:20, 12:45, 1:30, 2:30, 3:45, 4:15, 5:15, 6:30, 7:10, 7:50, 9:20, 10:10, 10:30
- **Role Models** (R) 11:15, 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20
- **Changeling** (R) 11:45, 3:30, 6:40, 9:50
- **Vicky Cristina** (PG-13) 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)

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- **Nothing Like** (PG-13) 12:40, 1:40, 3:50, 4:20, 6:40, 7:15, 9:15, 9:50
- **Delgo** (PG) 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
- **Punisher: War** (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00
- **Cadillac Rec** (R) 12:30, 1:50, 3:20, 4:30, 6:20, 7:20, 9:00, 10:10
- **Transporter 3** (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 6:45, 9:10
- **Four Chris** (PG-13) 2:40, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15
- **Twilight** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:40, 10:30
- **Bolt** (PG) 1:00, 3:40, 6:30, 8:50
- **Madagascar 2** (PG) 2:10, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30

CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)

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- **Earth Stood** (PG-13) ★ 12:50, 1:20, 2:30, 3:30, 4:00, 5:15, 6:10, 6:50, 7:50, 8:40, 9:40, 10:20
- **Nothing Like** (PG-13) ★ 12:40, 1:40, 3:50, 4:20, 6:40, 7:15, 9:15, 9:50
- **Delgo** (PG) ★ 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
- **Punisher: War** (R) ★ 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00
- **Cadillac Rec** (R) ★ 12:30, 1:50, 3:20, 4:30, 6:20, 7:20, 9:00, 10:10
- **Transporter 3** (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 6:45, 9:10
- **Four Chris** (PG-13) 2:40, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15
- **Twilight** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:40, 10:30
- **Bolt** (PG) 1:00, 3:40, 6:30, 8:50
- **Madagascar 2** (PG) 2:10, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30

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- **Earth Stood** (PG-13) 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45
- **Milk** (R) 1:10, 4:00, 6:50, 9:35
- **Four Chris** (PG-13) 1:00, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15, 9:20
- **Australia** (PG-13) 12:05, 3:20, 6:35, 9:50
- **Twilight** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40
- **Bolt in 3D** (PG) 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00
- **Quantum-Sol.** (PG-13) 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:05, 9:30

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- **Nothing Like** (PG-13) ★ 11:30, 1:55, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30
- **Earth Stood** (PG-13) ★ 11:35, 12:25, 2:15, 3:00, 4:45, 5:35, 7:20, 8:10, 9:55, 10:40
- **Australia** (PG-13) 12:30, 4:05, 6:15, 7:40, 9:50
- **Bolt** (PG) 11:35, 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55
- **Cadillac Rec** (R) ★ 11:45, 2:25, 5:05, 7:45, 10:25
- **Four Chris** (PG-13) 11:55, 1:02, 3:30, 4:40, 5:50, 7:10, 8:05, 9:40, 10:35
- **Madagascar 2** (PG) 11:20, 1:40, 4:00
- **Milk** (R) ★ 11:30, 1:15, 2:25, 4:15, 5:30, 7:15, 8:30, 10:15
- **Punisher: War** (R) ★ 12:00, 2:35, 5:15, 7:55, 10:30
- **Quantum-Sol.** (PG-13) 11:50, 1:20, 2:30, 4:00, 5:10, 6:40, 7:50, 9:20, 10:25
- **Slumdog Mill** (R) 11:25, 1:05, 2:20, 4:05, 5:20, 7:05, 8:35, 10:05
- **Transporter 3** (PG-13) 11:40, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
- **Twilight** (PG-13) 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20

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Reasonable 'Doubt'

In 1964 at a Catholic school in the Bronx, the school's lone black student, Donald (Joseph Foster), returns from a meeting with Father Flynn (Philip Seymour Hoffman) looking upset and—according to his teacher, Sister James (Amy Adams)—smelling of alcohol. Strict principal Sister Aloysius (Meryl Streep) is convinced that Flynn has made inappropriate advances toward the boy, so she launches a campaign to send him packing. Viola Davis has a couple of tremendous scenes as Donald's mother.

The verdict: Streep's performance is at times too mannered, but her oral barbs are deliciously vicious. "Doubt" is similarly tense, tilting the scales between suspicion and defense. The film's final moments are questionable—everyone keeps talking about the same thing without advancing the story—and the film may not fully explore its themes about new ideas in an old church. But it's a terrifically acted thinker in which every perspective is open to interpretation.

Meryl Streep and Philip Seymour Hoffman. **MIRAMAX**

WERE THE WORLD MINE (unrated)



A noble but flawed "What if?" tale, "Were the World Mine" finds co-writer/director Tom Gustafson crafting a feature out of his short "Fairies" about a gay teen (Tanner Cohen) who—while starring in a production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream"—converts his homophobic classmates (and several other townspeople) into homosexuals by spraying them with modern fairy dust termed "Cupid's love juice." The acting's just OK and the premise needs a jolt midway through that it never gets. But Gustafson lends plenty of pizzazz to the musical performances, and "World" winds up a superficial yet entertaining lesson in tolerance.

LET THEM CHIRP AWHILE (unrated)



The line between being pretentious and calling it out is awfully thin in "Chirp," which follows slacker playwright Bobby (Justin Rice) and his New York friends and lovers. The movie continually points a finger at obnoxious New York behavior while simultaneously perpetuating it. Everyone's a low-talent wannabe artist with a lot to say and even more bitter self-loathing. That becomes more than a little tiresome when the performances are so shoddy and dialogue so self-indulgent.

FROST/NIXON (R)



Turning the real-life interviews that talk show host David Frost (Michael Sheen) conducted with deposed President Richard Nixon (Frank Langella) into a heavyweight bout of strategy and defense, "Frost/Nixon" includes needless talk-to-the-camera interviews and is less than exhilarating in its time before the two contenders sit down to battle. When they do, the movie becomes something far more fascinating. Langella's performance is a revelation. **MATT PAIS IS THE METROMIX MOVIES PRODUCER.**



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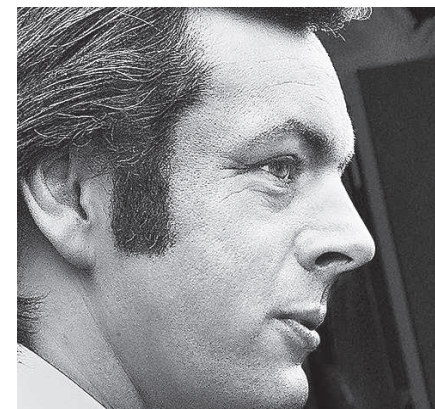
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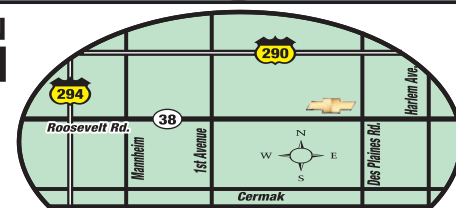
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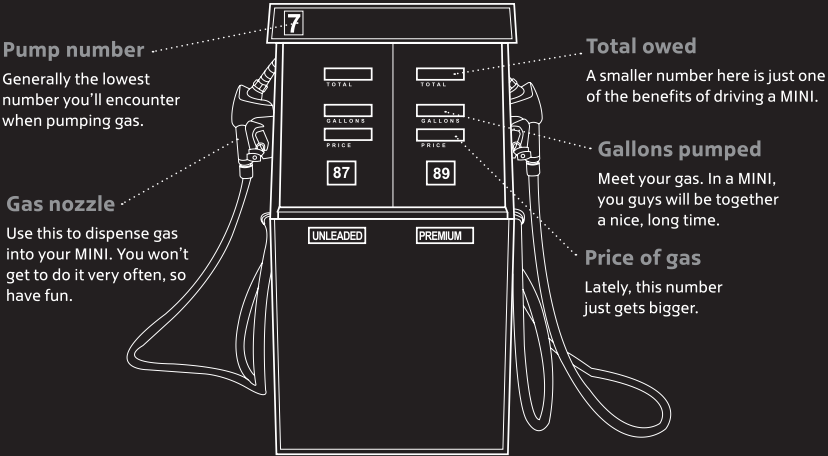
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Year of the viral

Associated Press

The election was constantly reflected in viral videos this year, but it wasn't all politics; there was still plenty of room for a litter of puppies, brawling late-night hosts and a lion with an excellent memory. Here are the year's top 10 Web videos:

1 Tina Fey as Sarah Palin

Not only was Fey's impression of the Alaskan governor arguably the seminal pop culture event of the year, it also represented a turning point in the paradigm between TV and the Web. More people watched Fey's sketches on [nbc.com](#) and [hulu.com](#) than on TV.

2 The real Palin

Many Web surfers were obsessed with Palin's every move, and millions logged on to watch clips of her interview with CBS' Katie Couric, her unfortunately positioned Thanksgiving turkey pardon and, yes, her appearance on "SNL."

3 Christian the Lion

Easy fabrications have made us all suspicious of Internet videos, but more than 20 million have been captivated by the heartwarming (and true) story of Christian the Lion being reunited with the two men who raised him as a cub.

4 'Yes We Can'

In all the songs and performances devoted to this year's election, none connected quite like will.i.am's music video. By pairing Barack Obama's words with music, will.i.am created the most indelible campaign message of the year.

5 'Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog'

The entry of Joss Whedon (creator of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and "Angel") to the Internet resulted in perhaps the greatest Web series yet. The film starring Neil Patrick Harris as a wannabe evildoer was distributed for free on Hulu and then for pay on iTunes (and then for free again on Hulu).

6 Paris Hilton responds to McCain ad

When John McCain ran a campaign ad comparing Obama's celebrity to that of Britney Spears and Paris Hilton, the hotel heiress jumped right into the fray. In a [funnyordie.com](#) video, Hilton—sitting poolside in a bikini—announced her mock-candidacy for the presidency. More than 8 million watched.

7 Sarah Silverman and Matt Damon

ABC's Jimmy Kimmel got an interesting surprise from his then-girlfriend Sarah Silverman during a show in early 2008. In the video, Silverman suggested that she was sleeping with Matt Damon. Unfortunately, by July, Kimmel and Silverman really did split.

8 'Puppy Cam'

The litter is now being dispersed, but while the six Shiba Inu pups were together, they were stars on [ustream.tv](#)'s "Puppy Cam." More than 4 million watched.

9 Frozen Grand Central

New York comedy troupe Improv Everywhere gathered 200 "agents" to—all at the same time—stand frozen in place at Grand Central Terminal for five minutes while confused travelers gawked at the strange sight. The video has been watched by more than 14 million on YouTube.

10 Late-night hosts brawl

During the writers strike earlier in the year, late-night hosts were downright desperate for material. So in a mock feud over who was most influential to Mike Huckabee's unlikely rise among Republican presidential candidates, **Conan O'Brien**, Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert convened to settle the score. In a hysterical fight (still on [nbc.com](#)), the three hosts battled to a perfect tri-knockout.





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Make them step up to the challenge, be creative and focus on a purposeful, yet romantic gift that gives back to the relationship. I'm partial to experiential presents that provide an opportunity for a couple to spend time together, learn something and create a memory.

This year, I'm all about gifts that involve the creation of good food. Some of my greatest dates have occurred over amazing meals, and at least half of those dinners have been homemade.

Let's start with couples' cooking classes. Why? Four reasons:

» You've gotta eat, right? And Top Ramen is not acceptable date food.

» Cooking is sexy. I love to cook, and I enjoy dating men who can help or even teach me a few tricks. Many hot nights have been ignited in the kitchen.

» Cooking lessons are fun. You share the class experience, and then go home and try out your new

skills over a bottle of vino. Once comfortable in the kitchen, you can take more classes, or try other recipes on your own.

» With fewer nights out at restaurants, it's nice to be able to cook for one another without fear of death or food poisoning.

I'm sure you're wondering how much cooking lessons will set you back. This is where the creativity comes in.

Culinary specialists such as The Chopping Block and Calphalon offer wonderful hands-on classes, with some dedicated specifically to couples. The class, including materials, can cost upward of \$60 per person. Steep for some, but you get to eat what you make.

Whole Foods offers classes that are a much lower price point (\$15 and up) because they're demonstrative rather than hands-on.

Or, you can be really creative and make your own class by setting your DVR for your favorite host of a Food Network show. Pick a few shows that feature recipes that you will both enjoy, buy the ingredients, set up the TV in the kitchen, and voila!

Warning: Share in the post-dinner cleanup or your beautiful gift will turn into holiday hell.

If you have a killer sweet tooth, try your hand at baking, or treat your sweetie to a Couples Chocolate Night. The Oak Street location of Sarah's Candies and Pastries offers the chance for you to create personalized chocolates by appointment.

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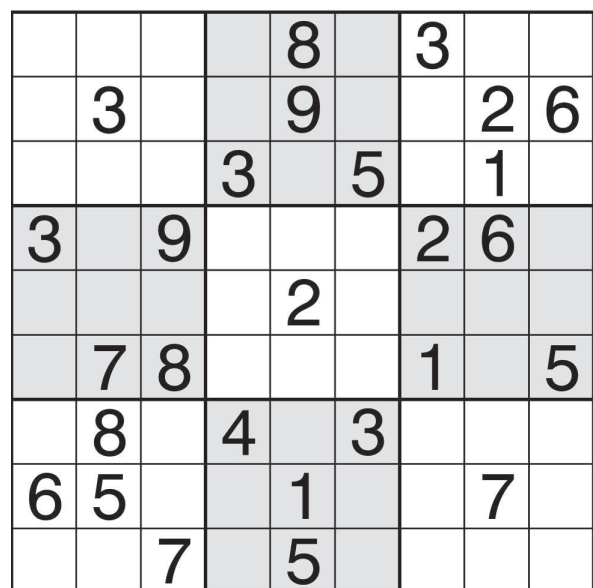


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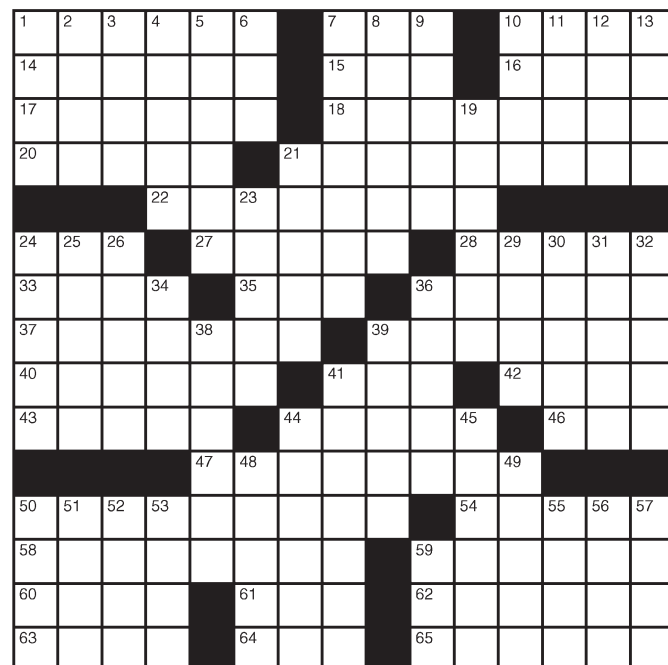
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Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie. Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio. Individually, they're forces to be reckoned with on the big screen. Together, they form an awards-nomination machine. All four picked up nods Thursday as the Golden Globes nominations were announced in Beverly Hills. Sounds like we've got enough to officially crown them this year's Globes power couples—even though DiCaprio and Winslet, who's married to "Revolutionary Road" director Sam Mendes, are only on-screen lovers (unlike Bradgelina!). It's time for a mini-edition of RedEye's Faceoff.

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The pair were involved with some frisky business in 2005's "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" and have subsequently become arguably the most famous unmarried mom and pop in the celebriverse.



LOVE
CONNECTION

Winslet and DiCaprio got hot and heavy as Kate and Jack in 1997's epic "Titanic," the highest-grossing film of all time. Off screen, they're just friends.



The couple scored his and hers nominations at the Globes for separate projects this year. They haven't worked together on screen since "Smith."



TOGETHER
AGAIN?

This is the first time the two have reunited on screen since they made major waves with "Titanic."



Pitt has an Oscar nomination in his pocket. Jolie nabbed an actual Oscar win for 2000's "Girl, Interrupted."



SHINY
THINGS

Winslet has five Oscar nominations. DiCaprio hasn't fared poorly, either, with three of his own.



Kate Winslet and
Leonardo DiCaprio
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THE WINNER: KATE AND LEO

We gotta give it to Kate and Leo on this one. Their on-screen chemistry is just, well, Titanic!

The best
of the rest

There were plenty of big-name nominations Thursday. The winners will be revealed at the Golden Globes ceremony, set for Jan. 11—11 days before Oscar nominations air.

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» "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," "Frost/Nixon" and "Doubt" led the Golden Globes with five nominations each Thursday. Other best drama nominees: "The Reader," "Revolutionary Road" and "Slumdog Millionaire."

» Meryl Streep had two nominations, best dramatic actress for "Doubt" and musical or comedy actress for "Mamma Mia!"

» The Harvey Milk film biography "Milk" grabbed only an acting nomination for Penn.

» Kate Winslet also had two, best dramatic actress for "Revolutionary Road" and supporting actress for "The Reader." Also chosen for dramatic actress were: Anne Hathaway, "Rachel Getting Married"; Angelina Jolie, "Changeling"; and Kristin Scott Thomas, "I've Loved You So Long."

» Nominees for dramatic actor were: Leonardo DiCaprio, "Revolutionary Road"; Frank Langella, "Frost/Nixon"; Brad Pitt, "Benjamin Button"; Sean Penn, "Milk"; and Mickey Rourke, "The Wrestler."

» One of the year's biggest comedy hits, "Sex and the City," was shut out completely.



Bon Jovi
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Cha-ching

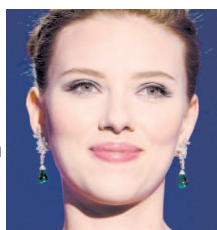
The top touring band of 2008 is Bon Jovi. Jon Bon Jovi and the boys grossed \$210 million with their Lost Highway tour, Billboard reported. The Jersey boys beat out fellow natives Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band, who came in second with \$204.5 million. Madonna's Sticky & Sweet tour came in at No. 3, hauling in \$162 million; The Police landed at No. 4 with \$150 million; and Celine Dion rounded out the top five with \$91 million.

Finally, 'Folie'

Fall Out Boy's newest album "Folie a Deux" drops Tuesday, but MySpace users got an early listen, thanks to free streaming. The album originally was set for a Nov. 4 release. In a statement posted in October on friendsorenemies.com, the band announced it was being delayed because the members felt the election was too important to be mocked.

ScarJo's wedded bliss

Since tying the knot in a super-secret wedding ceremony in September, Scarlett Johansson is opening up about married life. In January's UK Cosmopolitan, the 24-year-old actress describes it as "a very beautiful time for me," according to excerpts on usmagazine.com. "Getting married is a huge moment in anyone's life, and the few months leading up to it were a little crazy."



Johansson

Tragic traffic accident

Macaulay Culkin's sister, Dakota, was killed after she stepped in front of a car in L.A. on Tuesday night, the AP reports. Police spokesman Richard French says the 29-year-old was struck after she stepped into the street. She died a day later in a hospital after suffering massive head injuries.

Hartnett library tale deemed libelous

Josh Hartnett won \$30,000 in libel damages from British tabloid Daily Mirror over a story claiming hotel security cameras caught him in an unexpected close-up while engaging in un-library-like behavior in the library of a London hotel, eonline.com reports. According to the 30-year-old actor's lawyer, the tab accepts that the scandalous tale is "entirely false."



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Your move, Jolie

Jennifer Aniston is giving Angelina Jolie a run for her money. On the latest cover of GQ magazine, the former "Friends" star gets shows her scandalous side by wearing nothing but a patriotic necktie.

Aniston tells the mag about her love life with John Mayer (No, she's not pregnant. Stop asking.) and her former love Brad Pitt (They still talk. It's cool.). She also speaks out about the role of women in Hollywood. "There are too many movies out there that don't empower women, movies in which their only way of being happy is finding a man," she says. "And you know, that's not my favorite theme."



All my single ladies ...

Beyoncé made it clear this year: If you want her, you gotta put a ring on it.

That's exactly what **rollingstone.com** did on Thursday, naming her hit "Single Ladies" the best song of 2008.

And while the lyrics didn't cover any new ground for Sasha or whatever

she's referring to herself as these days, the magazine was in love with all other aspects of the song.

"The beat, courtesy of The-Dream and Tricky Stewart, is irresistible and exuberant, the vocal hook is stormy and virtuosic," according to **rollingstone.com**.

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Truth or 'Gossip'?

There's been much speculation on the buzzed-about "Gossip Girl" spinoff. If you believe the latest reports, the spin-off will focus on "Gossip's" older characters—Lily and Rufus (Blake Lively and Penn Badgely's parents in the show, played by Kelly Rutherford and Matthew Settle). The show is said to show them when they were young.

Rutherford



Call her MJ

What's a girl to do after breaking up with Marilyn Manson? Change her hair color and head to Broadway, of course.

Wood



Actress and new redhead Evan Rachel Wood has signed on to woo Spider-Man as Mary Jane Watson in the eagerly awaited musical adaptation of "Spider-Man," according to **mtv.com's** Splash Page.

The play will feature original music by Bono and the Edge of U2. Julie Taymor, who directed Wood in "Across the Universe," will direct. The production is set to debut sometime in 2010.

Baby No. 2 for Usher

Here's another one for the annals of unique Hollywood baby names: Naviyd Ely.

Usher



Usher and his wife, Tameka Foster, welcomed little Naviyd to the world at 2:33 a.m. Wednesday, a rep for the singer told **usmagazine.com**. The baby, who weighed in at 5 pounds, 13 ounces, and his mom are doing fine, the rep said.

Naviyd is the second son for Usher and Tameka, who wed in 2007. Usher V (as in, the fifth), turned 1 last month.

3 million vs. 1

The number of DVD copies "The Dark Knight" sold when released Tuesday vs. the number of Golden Globe nominations the movie received Thursday—for the late Heath Ledger for supporting actor.

» **FOR MORE GOLDEN GLOBE NOMINATIONS, see page 46**

THE REST OF THE TOP 5

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3	"Time to Pretend"	MGMT
4	"Furr"	Blitzen Trapper
5	"Lollipop"	Lil Wayne